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Dear Friend,

The Council has had three meetings, March 23, April 13 and May 11 since the last issue of COTS Dispatch. Special thanks go to George Mason University (GMU) for serving as our host at their Prince William campus for the April meeting.

I want to highlight for your attention two new workgroups, Communications and Enterprise Architecture, which the Council formally established at its March meeting.

The Communications Workgroup, chaired by Joy Hughes of GMU, is charged with developing effective means of conveying the Council's activities and accomplishments to the larger Commonwealth and national audience, notably those agencies and institutions that do not have members on COTS. I look forward to this workgroup spreading the message, both within the Commonwealth and beyond, about the many technology successes that we, collectively, are enjoying.

The Enterprise Architecture Workgroup, which David Molchany (Fairfax County) and Murali Rao (Virginia Department of Transportation) have graciously agreed to co-chair, will oversee the Commonwealth's Enterprise Architecture (EA) initiative. The EA initiative will establish a statewide, business-driven, adaptive technology architecture that best enables accomplishment of the goals and strategies of state government and improves service to the citizens.

The Technology Secretariat held its "Customer/Stakeholder Summit" on May 10 in Richmond. Notice of this event went to agency heads in early April, and we are inviting agency heads to send up to two representatives. This was our second-annual "Customer Summit", following up on the successful and

productive session that took place in February 1999.

Sincerely,
Don Upson
Secretary of Technology

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COVITS 2000

Please mark your calendars! COVITS 2000 will take place on September 27-28 in Lexington at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). "CyberSecurity" is this year's theme. The COVITS 2000 website went live May 1. If you have any questions about registering, signing up as a sponsor or getting on the mailing list, please direct your inquiry on these, or other, matters to the VMI Conference Office.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 51

The second EO 51 Workshop was held on April 14 in Richmond. This session was a follow-up to the February 18 workshop. The workshop included two training sessions, each followed by a question and answer period: "Putting Forms on a Web Site, All You Need to Know from A to Z" and "Inventory Techniques / Software Solutions." Additionally, VDOT was kind enough to lend use of their computer lab so that the participants could have one-on-one tutorials on any of the software demonstrated during the two presentations. You can visit the EO 51 Web site for additional resources.

DIGITAL SIGNATURES INITIATIVE

The Digital Signatures Initiative (DSI) Workgroup conducted a "Digital Signature Education Day" on March 15 at the University of Virginia. The purpose of this event was to provide a focused workshop for those organizations participating in the DSI pilot. In addition to the Commonwealth participants, industry representatives were present and showcased their products and tools during the luncheon period. The highlights of the day were a case study of a successful PKI deployment at the federal level and an afternoon roundtable bringing together both pilot and vendor representatives.

RECENT COTS WORKGROUP REPORTS

The SLANI (State and Local Application and Network Integration) and Telecommunications

Workgroups provided progress reports on their work at the March COTS meeting. Please review these [presentations](#) to learn more about the workgroups' initiatives.

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